

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Bengt GUSS et al. Confirmation No: 1848
Application No. : 10/806,288
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Title : NEW FIBRINOGEN BINDING PROTEIN ORIGINATING
FROM COAGULASE-NEGATIVE STAPHYLOCOCCUS

TC/A.U. : 1645
Examiner : S.J.N. Devi

Docket No. : GUSS3001D/REF
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF SEQUENCE LISTING

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of October 15, 2003, in connection with the above-identified application. The period for response to this Official Action has been extended to expire on December 15, 2004 by the filing herewith of a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and payment of the required fee.

It is requested in the Official Action that sequence identifiers be provided for each sequence in the application. This request has been carefully considered, the present application has been reviewed in detail as has the parent application.

In this regard, it is noted that the present application is a divisional application filed with a photocopy of the parent application. Along with the photocopy of the parent application, the appropriate amendments made in the parent application have also been made in connection with the present application and a request filed for use of the sequence listing from the parent application.

In this regard, Applicants request that the compliant computer readable sequence listing which is already on file in the above identified parent application serial no. 09/147,405 which issued as U.S. Patent 6,733,758 be used. This was accepted and it was not until the examination period by the Examiner that the further sequence listing request was made.

Appl. No. 10/806,288
Amendment dated: December 15, 2004
Reply to OA of: October 15, 2004

The Examiner in charge of the present application is the same Examiner who examined and found acceptable the parent application issuing as the '758 patent.

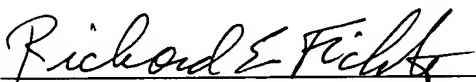
Each of the points raised by the Examiner in the outstanding Official Action has been duly noted. In this regard, the Amendment filed April 30, 2004 clearly specifies SEQ. ID. NO. 14 for Figures 6a to 6e. Please see page 2 of the Amendment as well as page 5 thereof. Page 8 provides the sequence identifiers SEQ. NO. 4 and SEQ. NO. 1 and further sequences are added at pages 9, 10 and 11 of the Amendment.

In addition, the amendments to the sequence listing as shown by the double brackets on page 12 of the Amendment which contains the underlined identifier no. 10. Thus, the sequence listing is specified with respect to the required sequence identifier and the double brackets exclude the material removed while the underlined portion adds it back in. Thus, the entirety of the amendment provided provides the necessary sequence identifier.

In view of the above, it is evident that the previously submitted amendments to the specification clearly comply with the requirements as set forth in the outstanding Official Action and as has been accepted in the parent application which issued as U.S. Patent 6,733,758. Accordingly, it is most respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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